

legalized in Atlantic City. His opinion was that the quality of life had been adversely affected by casino gambling and he even noted that there is not one single movie theater or bowling alley left in Atlantic City. Now, the reason why I bring this out, I'm not saying that crime is going to increase 300 percent in the State of Nebraska with bookie wagering, but what I will say is that this is systematic of increased gambling. As I stated on the floor when the parimutuel tax came up for Ak-Sar-Ben, it was my opinion that we should not have this type of gambling in the state, that it has an ill effect upon society, particularly in the Omaha area, by having Ak-Sar-Ben, but that the people chose to legalize it back in 1934. I represent the people, and if the people want to have this type of gambling, then I will abide by their decision, or at least try to change it. I realize the unlikelihood of doing away with parimutuel tax, parimutuel betting in the State of Nebraska at this time, but this is a new type of gambling. This is a type of gambling which I feel is not proper and it is not proper because it is going to have a bad effect on the State of Nebraska. The social ills will far outweigh any increased revenue that we receive through this sports wagering. I don't feel that the amount of money that we raise, considering the size of the budget in the State of Nebraska is so, so much larger than anything we could hope to raise by LB 757. Our budget is going to be over \$860 million. I don't know what Senator Chambers is even hoping to raise through this bill. I recall during the state lottery discussion that they were talking about \$10 million, 10, \$20 million, a drop in the bucket of our entire budget. But, as I stated, there are social ills that come with this type of use of gambling and I urge the body to kill LB 757, first and foremost because it is unconstitutional. It is an unconstitutional bill. It is a type of bill that I believe Senator Chambers would say is junk because it is junk, because it is unconstitutional. Senator Chambers has long been a guardian in this Legislature of killing bills that were clearly unconstitutional and I am somewhat surprised that he would bring an unconstitutional bill before this body. I urge this body to indefinitely postpone LB 757. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, you're next, but may I introduce some guests in the east balcony, please, guests of Senator Coordsen. They are 10 ladies from Thayer County. Would you ladies please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Schmit, then Senator Landis.